

Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

[00032]       The two outer regions 21 and 22 consist of a less highly heat-resistant material than the middle region 20. The two outer regions 21 and 22 may be produced from steels having 1 to 2% by weight of chromium, or essentially 3.5% by weight of nickel. For example, the middle region 20 of the turbine shaft may be a forging steel having 9 to 12% by weight chromium fraction, with the two outer regions 21 and 22 being produced from steels having essentially 3.5% by weight of nickel.